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Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted on February 5, 2020, among 1,000 American adults. The data has been statistically weighted according to U.S. census figures for age, gender and region. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's performance as president?

Approve – 45% (+7)
Disapprove – 51% (-7)
Not sure – 4% (=)

All things considered, do you think Donald Trump deserves re-election as president?

Does – 41%
Does not – 55%
Not sure – 4%

As you may know, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ripped her copy of Trump's State of the Union address in half when he finished. All things considered, do you think Speaker Pelosi's actions were justified or unjustified?

Justified – 42%
Unjustified – 47%
Not sure – 11%

Americans Split on Pelosi's Ripping of State of the Union Address

Just over a third of Americans think Donald Trump has accomplished much since he became President.

Vancouver, BC [February 6, 2020] – Americans are divided when assessing the decision of House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi to rip her copy of the State of the Union address in half after President Donald Trump finished his delivery, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 47% of Americans think the actions of the Speaker were “unjustified”, while 42% consider them “justified.”

“More than three-in-four Democrats (77%) stand by the Speaker, while a comparable proportion of Republicans (76%) suggest that she was out of line,” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “Independents are more likely to believe that Pelosi's actions were unjustified (48%) than justified (36%).”

About two thirds of Americans were exposed to the latest State of the Union address, with 33% observing it in its entirety, 23% seeing parts of it and 11% only watching reports in the media.

Respondents who were familiar with the State of the Union were asked to select four feelings to describe the speech. The top emotions selected were pride (26%), enthusiasm (23%), trust (21%) and disgust (21%).

Sizeable proportions of Republicans said the speech elicited pride (53%), enthusiasm (47%) and trust (46%). Conversely, the most mentioned emotions by Democrats were disgust (33%) anger (27%) and shame (26%).

More than a third of Americans (35%, including 71% of Republicans) believe that Donald Trump has accomplished much since he became President. More than two-in-five (44%, including 67% of Democrats) think Trump has accomplished little since taking office.

The approval rating for President Trump stands at 45%, up seven points since a similar Research Co. poll [conducted in January 2019](#). Half of Americans (51%, -7) currently disapprove of his performance.

Two-in-five Americans (41%) believe Trump deserves re-election as president, while 55% disagree—including 84% of Democrats and 59% of Independents.



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Simply put, we are curious about what people think and the decisions they will make. Some call it public opinion, others call it polling or public affairs.

We never compromise facts for profit. Our agenda is the truth. We have a global network of partners in the qualitative, data collection and data visualization specialities.

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